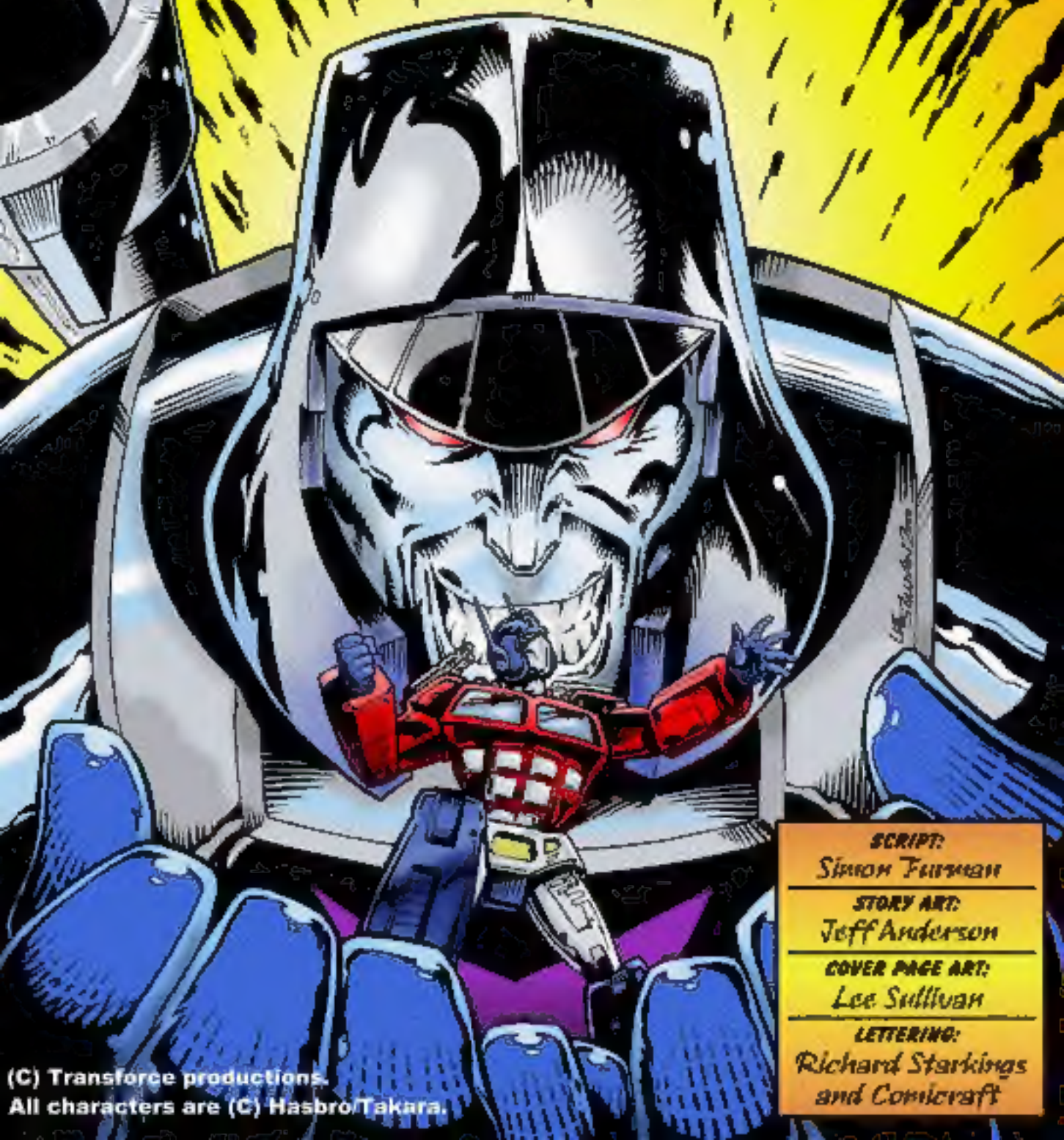


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"HE HAS CHANGED HIS NAME
AND HIS APPEARANCE MANY
TIMES SINCE, ADAPTING TO
THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE
OF CYBERTRON WITH AN
EASE I CAN ONLY ENVY."

"THE 'NEWBLOODS'.
THEY SIMPLY CALL
HIM 'THE VETERAN'.
I WONDER THEN..."

"HIGH ABOVE, A VISION OF
PRISMING COLOUR TAKES
WING; SHAFTS OF
CRYSTALLINE LIGHT
MOMENTARILY GALVANISING
THE BROODING DUST MOTES
SETTLING ON MY LIFE."

"HIS NAME IS SWOOP,
OR IT WAS, WHEN WE
FOUGHT TOGETHER
IN THE GREAT WAR."



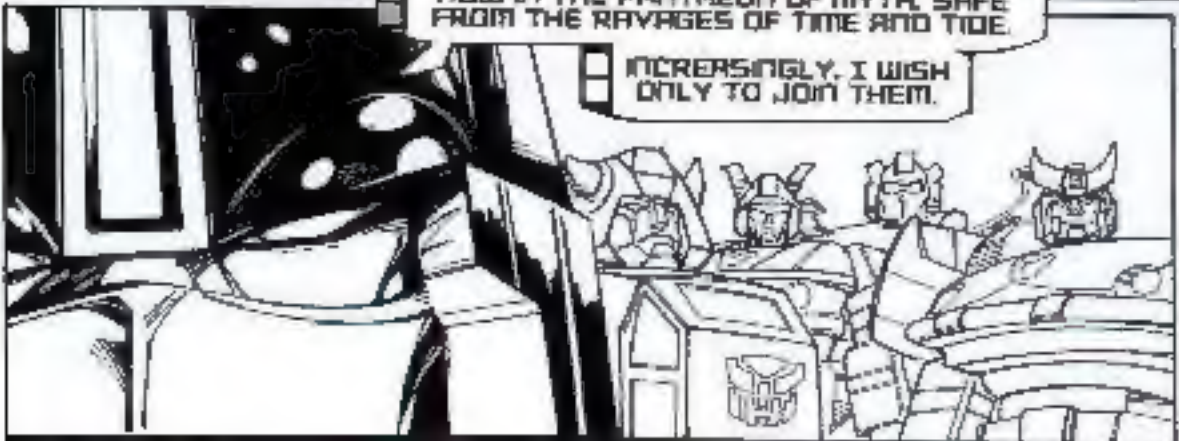
...WHAT DO
THEY CALL
ME?

IN THESE DAYS
OF ENERGY-
CONSCIOUSNESS
AND DOWNSIZING,
OF MAXIMALS AND
PREDACONS, OF
ALLIANCES AND
COUNCILS...

...WHAT PLACE
IS THERE FOR
OPTIMUS PRIME?

THE OTHERS ARE LONG GONE, ENSCORCED
NOW IN THE PANTHEON OF MYTH, SAFE
FROM THE RAVAGES OF TIME AND TIDE.

INCREASINGLY, I WISH
ONLY TO JOIN THEM.



THERE IS A PLACE, A STILLED
HEARTBEAT AWAY, WHERE WE
GO AS MORTAL TWILIGHT
BROTHERS. IN THE DAYS THAT
FOLLOW I SEE IT OUT.

YES I GO, I
REMEMBER...

...THE TRIUMPH AND THE
TRAGEDY, THE GODS AND
MONSTERS, THE ETERNAL
BATTLE AGAINST THE
FORCES OF DARKNESS.

AND BEFORE
I KNOW IT...

WELCOME, OPTIMUS PRIME.
TO J'NIAH, WE HAVE
BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

MEETRO? THIS
IS IT, THE END.

HAAAAHA. YOU
OF ALL PEOPLE,
OPTIMUS PRIME
SHOULD KNOW...

...I AM
THERE.

IT NEVER
HADS.